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Honorable David R. Obey
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Obey:

The Secretary of Defense has asked me to reply to that portion of your letter of October 24, 1973 requesting, on behalf of your constituent Mr. C. F. Johnson, whether the Government of Israel compensated any of the families of United States Navy personnel who were killed as a result of the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty by the armed forces of the Government of Israel on June 8, 1967.

On December 29, 1967 the Department of State presented to the Government of Israel, through diplomatic channels, 34 claims of the Government of the United States for compensation for the death of personnel killed as a result of the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty. On May 27, 1968 the Government of Israel paid to the Government of the United States the sum of $3,323,500 in full settlement of the claims. Such amount was distributed to the surviving members of the families of the deceased personnel.

I hope the foregoing information will be helpful to you in replying to Mr. Johnson. Please call on us whenever you believe we might be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Wright
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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